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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MITSUHIRO SUGETA ) : Examiner: Aung Soe Moe  
Application No.: 10/601,678 ) : Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: June 24, 2003 ) : Conf. No.: 9503  
For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS ) : May 15, 2007

Commissioner for Patents  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the claim changes being reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks appearing at page 5: